



**CITY COUNCIL
MAYOR'S FY 2008-2009
MARCH BUDGET MESSAGE
STUDY SESSION**

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008

The Council of the City of San José convened in Study Session at 1:05 p.m. to review and discuss the Mayor's FY 2008-2009 March Budget Message.

Present: Council Members - Campos, Chirco, Chu, Constant, Cortese, Liccardo, Oliverio, Nguyen, Pyle, Williams; Reed.

Absent: Council Members - None.

Staff: City Manager Debra Figone, City Attorney Richard Doyle, Interim Budget Director Larry Lisenbee, Assistant Budget Director Jennifer Maguire and Principle Budget Analyst Margaret McCahan, City Clerk Lee Price and Legislative Secretary Susan Davis.

Documents Filed: Memorandum for Mayor Reed, dated March 7, 2008, outlining the March Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Mayor Reed presented an overview of his FY 2008-2009 March Budget Message. Mayor Reed stated that the five Three-Year Goals of the City Council and Neighborhoods are (not in priority order): (1) Regain our status as the safest big city in America. (2) Eliminate the structural budget deficit. (3) Reduce deferred maintenance and the infrastructure backlog and develop a strategy to improve the infrastructure. (4) Increase economic vitality. (5) Provide full funding for parks, pools, community centers and libraries, including maintenance, operation and development.

Council Member Liccardo arrived at 1:14 p.m. and Vice Mayor Cortese arrived at 1:20 pm.

City Manager Debra Figone provided a brief outline about solutions to close the significant budget shortfall.

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Budget Director Larry Lisenbee provided the overview of the 2008-2009 City Manager's Budget Request and the 2009-2013 Five Year Forecast and Revenue Projections.

Council discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Brownstein urged Council to use economic development strategies to benefit the General Fund.

Fred de Funiak, (Chair, San José Elections Commission) and Mike Smith, (Vice Chair, San José Elections Commission) commented on the scope of the Elections Commission audit.

Patricia Gardner (Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofit) urged the Council to consider cost of living increases for non profits and spoke in favor of increased dollars for Juvenile justice programs.

Tom Sawyer (Shasta/Hanchett Park NAC) spoke in opposition to spending 2 million on golf course nets.

Bernadette Cawa asked what percentage of sworn public safety personnel are on "modified duty" due to work-related injuries.

Richard Zappelli, Michael Larocca, Ed Rast and Deborah Arant (San José Neighborhood Leaders) urged the City Council to increase the job base, capture last year's sales tax revenues and consider other revenue-generating opportunities.

Mayor Reed adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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